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SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION FOR GOK PROTECTIVE FORCES

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SUMMARY. KUWAIT ARMY REQUESTED QUARTERS FOR OFF- DUTY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED PROTECTIVE DUTIES EMBASSY COMPOUND. TOTAL COST NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION \$6,550. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED AUTHORIZE AND FUND.

1. EMBASSY HAS HAD POLICE PROTECTION AT COMPOUND GATE FOR MANY MONTHS. AS AFTERMATH KHARTOUM, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DECIDED AUGMENT POLICE WITH UNIFORMED ARMY PERSONNEL CHARGED WITH PERIMETER AND GATE PATROLLING. SINCE EARLY MARCH WE HAVE HAD 20 SOLDIERS PLUS NCO' S AND OFFICERS FURNISHING PROTECTION. NORMALLY 10 SOLDIERS ARE ON DUTY AT COMPOUND GATE AND OUTSIDE PERIMETER WALL AND 10 OFF- DUTY BUT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. TROOPS BILETED IN ARMY TENT ERECTED NEXT TO TENNIS COURT.

2. WHEN TROOPS FIRST ASSIGNED BY UTILIZING SWIMMING POOL TOILET FACILITIES WE WERE ABLE ACCOMMODATE. HOWEVER WITH HOT WEATHER SETTING IN NORMAL USE OF POOL WILL NOT PERMIT CONTINUED USE TOILET FACILITIES THIS FASHION.

3. OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF TROOPS ASSIGNED HAVE ASKED WE PROVIDE
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TWO ROOMS WITH A/ C FOR SLEEPING FIVE EACH. WISH POINT OUT KUWAIT ARMY BARRACKS AIR CONDITIONED AND THAT AMBIENT TEMPERATURES IN SUMMER EXCEED 125 F THEREFORE, A/ C REQUEST FULLY JUSTIFIED. IN CONVERSATION WITH KUWAIT ARMY OFFICERS IT WAS APPARENT THEY BELIEVE THEY WILL HAVE EMBASSY PROTECTION ASSIGNMENT SOME EXTENDED PERIOD-- POSSIBLY YEARS. THIS EMBASSY AGREES.

4. IN ORDER FOR US TO BUY SAME 24- HOUR PROTECTION IT WOULD COST ABOUT \$170,000 PER YEAR JUST FOR PERSONNEL AND THEY WOULD BE UNARMED. THEREFORE SINCE THE KUWAIT ARMY IS PROVIDING A SERVICE WHICH IS DESIRABLE AND WHICH WE OBVIOUSLY CANNOT PROVIDE FOR OURSELVES-- WE BELIEVE WE MUST ACCOMMODATE AS REQUESTED.

5. EMBASSY PROPOSES CONSTRUCTION CINDER BLOCK BUILDING 10 METERS LONG BY 5 METERS WIDE TO BE LOCATED AGAINST COMPOUND WALL BETWEEN WAREHOUSE AND SERVANT'S QUARTERS BUILDING WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO 3 1/2 X 5 METER ROOMS FOR SLEEPING EACH ROOM WITH DOOR WINDOW, TWO ELECTRIC INCANDESCENT LIGHTS HANGING ON CORDS TWO WALL OUTLETS, AND ONE 2- TON WINDOW TYPE A/ C UNIT. REMAINDER OF STRUCTURE TO BE DIVIDED INTO TWO 2 1/2 X 3 METER ROOMS. ONE ROOM TO

BE USED KITCHEN, WE PROVIDE SINK, OTHER WITH TWO ARAB TYPE TOILETS LARGE PLAIN WASH BASIN AND SHOWER AREA.

BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON CEMENT SLAB USING COMPOUND WALL ASPART OF STRUCTURE. WITH ASBESTOS CORRUGATED SHEET ROOFING COST OF CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING WATER, ELECTRICITY SEWAGE AND A/ C UNITS IS \$6,550. REQUEST DEPARTMENT APPROVE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND FUND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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